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To put claims in condition for allowance, Examiner amended claims and sent the proposed amendment to applicant on 7/21/2008. Examiner has been waiting response from applicant. Applicant has one month to response to this communication.

In claims: please replace claims 1 and 41 with amended claims 1 and 41.

Please cancel claims 14, 24-40, 48-51.

1.(Currently Amended) A communications management network system for managing a public involvement project with a front end including a concurrent public feedback loop with public users from a public-at-large and a backend including an integration and collaboration of public feedback, comprising:
a server computer operatively connected to a network;
a front end secure web portal to remotely access the server computer over the network for providing information regarding the public involvement project to the public users from the public-at-large and receiving a large number of public comment inputs regarding the public involvement project from the public users at the public-at-large;
a backend for project team members managing the public involvement project to access the server computer, wherein the backend is suitable for managing one or more public involvement projects;
a communications manager application for receiving the large number of public comment inputs from the public users at the public-at-large and handling the large number of public comment inputs from the public users at the public-at-large for access by the project team members to use and respond to the large number of public comment inputs from the public users at the public-at-large regarding the public involvement project, wherein the communications manager application having:
an information module for welcoming a user and referencing permission level access, wherein the information module further comprises a project overview, project

news and project status, a project team tools module for coordinating and informing team members, wherein the project team tools module further comprises a task manager, calendar, team access management, team communications and image manager, and a communications tools module for facilitating information transfer, wherein the communications tools module further comprises one or more message boards and web conferencing and site management tools module; wherein the communications manager application further supports Web site maintenance by one or more of updating dynamic text areas, creates Web sites by using templates, handles multiple Web sites by using customizations of at least one shared feature, provides a separate address linked to a web site for accepting the large number of public comment inputs, provides a separate address for accepting comments, automatic font and color adjustments, and supports substantially unlimited number of active pages, modifies the posted issue in response to the comments prior to expiry of a specified date for receiving responses, whereby subsequent responses are directed to the modified posted issue; wherein the server computer provides access, following authentication, by the public users and the project team members to the communications manager application and to one or more of the information module, the project team tools module, the communications tools module, the site management tools module, and modules for: searching the one or more comments from the public-at-large, organizing the one or more comments from the public-at-large; generating reports by integrating the searched comments or the large number of inputs from the public-at-large, analyzing the large number of input from the public-at-large at the backend, publishing the analysis from the backend to enable a concurrent public feedback loop, and creating a modified rule based upon the reviewing and handling the large number of public comment inputs regarding the public involvement project, if the modified rule is not final, then questions is posted to invite further comments, wherein the generating reports further based on a summary and the modified rule of the one or more comments.

41. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method of managing a public involvement project with a front end including a concurrent public feedback loop with public users from the public-at-large and a backend including an integration and collaboration of public feedback and the public involvement project, comprising: a server computer operatively connected to a network; accessing, via front end secure web portal, to the server computer over the network for providing information regarding the public involvement project to the public users from the public-at-large and receiving a large number of public comment inputs regarding the public involvement project from the public users at the public-at-large; managing, by project team members, via the backend, the public involvement project to access the server computer, wherein the backend is suitable for managing more public involvement projects; receiving, via a communications manager application, the large number of public comment inputs from the public users at the public-at-large and handling the large number of public comment inputs from the public users at the public-at-large, wherein the handling includes responding, by the project team members, the large number of public comment inputs from the public users at the public-at-large regarding the public involvement project, wherein the communications manager application having: an information module for welcoming a user and referencing permission level access, wherein the information module further comprises a project overview, project news and project status, a project team tools module for coordinating and informing team members, wherein the project team tools module further comprises a task manager, calendar, team access management, team communications and image manager, and a communications tools module for facilitating information transfer, wherein the communications tools module further comprises one or more message boards and web conferencing and site management tools module; wherein the communications manager application further supports Web site maintenance by one or more of updating dynamic text areas, creates Web sites by using templates, handles multiple Web sites by using customizations of at least one shared feature, provides a separate address linked to a web site for accepting the large number of public comment inputs, provides a separate address for accepting comments, automatic font and color adjustments, and supports substantially unlimited number of active pages, modifies the posted issue in response to the comments prior to expiry of a specified date for receiving responses, whereby subsequent responses are directed to the modified posted issue; accessing, following authentication, by the public users and the project team members to the communications manager application and to one or more of the information module, the project team tools module, the communications tools module, the site management tools module; searching the one or more comments from the public-at-large, organizing the one or more comments from the public-at-large; generating reports by integrating the searched comments from the public-at-large, analyzing the large number of input or the comments from the public-at-large at the backend, publishing the analysis from the backend to enable a concurrent public feedback loop, and creating a modified rule based upon the reviewing and handling the large number of public comment inputs regarding the public involvement project, if the modified rule is not final, then questions is posted to invite further comments, wherein the generating reports further based on a summary and the modified rule of the one or more comments, and wherein the generating, creating, accessing and searching are executed by using the communications manager application.

